Clearance of I.T. refund cases

205. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some cases for refund of Income Tax under ITO Ward No. 12(1) Delhi/New Delhi for the assessment years 1995-97 have not yet been cleared up till now and the amount of refund is yet to be paid to those persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) by when such cases likely to be cleared and the amount to be paid to those persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Sir, there is no pendency of any refund pertaining to the assessment years 1995-97 under present ITO, Ward 12(1), New Delhi as well as ACIT, Circle 31(1) and ITO, Ward 31(1), New Delhi who are now having territorial jurisdiction over the erstwhile Ward 12(1) of period prior to August 2001.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Compassionate appointments in banks

†206. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to discontinue permanently the practice of appointment on compassionate grounds in banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's view point on such callous behaviour of banks with the wards of those employees who lose their lives while facing dacoity, looting and terrorist attack?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court, in the case of Umesh Kumar Nagpal *Vs.* the State of Haryana [JT 1994 (3) SC 525], in 1994 has held that as a rule, appointment in the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.